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## **Public Display of the Wanton Waste of Big Game Animals**

### **The Problem:**

It has been brought to the attention of our alliance that some big game trophy hunters in Buffalo County and other parts of Wisconsin have been loading their harvested animals into vehicles before field dressing them, then transporting them on public roads to check stations, taverns, and other places where the animal can be photographed and viewed by the public. These animals are often displayed for hours and sometimes days without even being field dressed. Obviously, there is no plan by the hunter to consume the meat, especially since the animal is bloating and starting to smell. The meat will have to be thrown away!

Things of this nature are extremely hard to defend to the non-hunting public, especially when they are done right out in the public.

Most hunters find this to be very disgusting as it shows no respect for the animal or our hunting sport.

Wisconsin laws pertaining to the wanton waste of game are currently written somewhat vaguely and are difficult to enforce.

Many other states have very tough laws regarding wanton waste.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Buffalo County on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 recommends that the WCC work with the DNR to take action to correct this situation by writing a tough wanton waste law that at least makes it illegal to transport a big game animal on public roads unless it is properly field dressed beforehand.

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